

Public Works Improvements Top \$2 Million, Gibson Announces

Public Works improvement in the 15th Council District for 1961 exceeded \$2 million for the fifth consecutive year. Councilman John S. Gibson said Monday evening.

Gibson listed individual projects in a report presented at the seventh annual dinner meeting of more than 200 members of his advisory committee and guests at the Retail Clerks' Hall in Harbor City.

The councilman said a total of \$2,613,655 was spent for various projects. Of this amount, \$2,336,930 was from public fund sources. Property owners contributed \$276,725 in assessment act proceedings.

LARGEST single item was the \$1 million police facilities building nearing completion at the foot of Harbor Freeway. Other projects were a new fire station, parking lot facilities for the San Pedro Branch City Hall and many major street and sanitary sewer constructions.

Guests at the affair included

Mayor Samuel Yorty, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, Supervisor Burton W. Chace, and Municipal Judges Howard Crandall and Walter Binns. Also on the guest list were: Commissioners Glenn Wymore, Dr. George Wall, Pietro DiCarlo, George Simmonds, and Louis D. Gill along with district newspaper representatives and heads of branch offices of city government located in the district.

IN ADDITION to a review of improvements completed in 1961, the report also included predictions for a banner year in 1962. In fact, the councilman pointed out, projects already under construction and those scheduled within the next 90 days, indicate 1962 may be the biggest year in district history.

Contracts awarded since Jan. 1 total more than \$600,000. Bids have been received on other projects, for which contracts will be awarded within 30 days, which will boost the total to almost \$1 million.

ALSO LISTED for contract within 90 days were two storm drains and two major capital improvement projects, which will add another \$2 million to the 1962 total.

The councilman's report listed Sanford Avenue in Wilmington and the 113th Street storm drain project, which includes lines in Gardena as well as South Los Angeles, as projects now under construction. Bids have been received for the widening of 17th Street in San Pedro and for the construction of an addition to the Watts Health Center.

BIDS ARE expected in March for the Gaffey Street storm drain in San Pedro and the 228th Street drain in the Shoring Strip. Right of way has been cleared for the final link of Lomita Boulevard in Harbor City. Negotiations are being conducted with the state for financing of the improvement of Broad Avenue in Wilmington, with bids expected for these jobs in March.

Normal allotments for capi-

Ski Class Plans Trip To the Snow

A skiing trip to Kratka Ridge has been announced by the Torrance Recreation Department Ski School for Saturday, a trip arranged to give ski students a chance to try out their lessons on the slopes.

A chartered bus will take skiers from El Retiro Park in the Riviera at 8 a.m. and return them at 6 p.m. A fee of \$5.50 for adults and \$4.50 for those under 16 will pay for a lesson, use of rope tow, trip insurance, and bus transportation, recreation department officials said.

The trip will be open to those in the current or previous city-sponsored ski schools and to other beginning skiers. Reservations for the trip must be made with the Torrance Recreation Department.

Women Voters Plan League Orientation

The League of Women Voters of Palos Verdes invites their membership and prospective members to a League orientation coffee on Jan. 31 from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Norman Peterson, 30636 Palos Verdes Drive East, Miraleste, will open her home for the event and Mrs. Ross Chiles plans to speak on "Knowing Your League."

Anyone taking the opportunity of joining the Palos Verdes Peninsula League at this time will achieve a bargain; the yearly dues of \$5 will cover a fourteen month period extending to April 1, 1963. The League offers membership not only to women of voting age but to girls under 21, women who are not citizens and men who are interested in the League program.

Those planning to attend the coffee or who wish more information on membership in the League of Women Voters may call Mrs. Walter Peterson at FRontier 5-5737.

tal improvement projects for the new fiscal year starting July 1 would add another \$400,000. This amount plus some 20 assessment act jobs, will raise the total for 1962 well past the \$4 million mark.

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